

The Greenbrier Independent.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. 1882.

Locals—Hereafter twenty cents per line will be charged for Local notices for each insertion. Eight words may be estimated to a line. ~~or~~ This charge will be strictly adhered to. ~~or~~

And Special notices, in small type immediately preceding marriages and deaths, will be inserted at the rate of 15 cents per line.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—Political notices, articles advocating candidates for office and announcements of candidates, will be charged for each insertion.

D. R. THOMAS, at 1001, has a full assortment of Holiday Goods.

KNAPP & BRO. can furnish their patrons,
 with Holiday

and vastly more interesting than Benton's
"Thirty Years in the United States Senate."
Paducah News.

Heirs Wanted.

There is a fund of from \$800 to \$1,000 in the hands of General John Echols as receiver of the court, which awaits distribution if the heirs can ever be found. The story of it is unusual. Some two generations ago there died in Rockingham county Wm. Cathrae. He had sold a female slave to one Crummy with the proviso that when she came of age she should be free, and that if she bore in the meantime her children should be free at 21 years of age. Crummy sold the woman to Rutherford who died, and it was in the settlement of Rutherford's estate that the question of freedom came up; the woman having become of age in 1844.— The question was taken into the courts which decided that under the Virginia law slaves could not be liberated in the manner adopted by Cathrae and decreed that the woman and her issue were still the property of the Cathrae estate. Cathrae had long since died and his widow had married John Ruff of Rockbridge, the father of the wife of Rev. Dr. J. S. Martin, of Staunton. The slaves were sold and the fund, as we have stated, awaits distribution among the heirs of Wm. Cathrae.— Some of them are, it is believed, in Missouri and some in Summers and Raleigh counties, W. Va.—*Staunton Vindicator.*

CANNED POISON.—Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, soap, even canned pud-